MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR. May I know the quantity that is required per head?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: For a day of six hours, about 300 lbs of jaggery will be required.

MR. KAINIKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanacherry* cum *Peermade*): May I know whether any enquiry has been made as to the possible cottage industries that could be done with the palmyra juice?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Apart from toddy and jaggery, there are not many other industries that could be carried on with the juice.

State Congress and the Dewan.

2. ✱MR. G. VELU PILLAI (*Karunagapally* cum *Kartikapally*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any representative of the Travancore State Congress has interviewed the Dewan recently in connection with the State Congress activities in Travancore; and

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, the purpose and the result of the interview?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The purpose is not known. The result is that the State Congress Office at Ernakulam has been disbanded and that a certain number of detenues and other incarcerated persons have been released.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know, Sir, at whose request the interview was granted?

PRESIDENT: As it is a matter concerning an interview with me, I may at once mention that a request was made by an old friend of mine, Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya, for an interview. I met him and he wanted to know the policy of this Government with regard to releases. That was explained to him, namely, that it was and is the policy of Government not to detain persons not engaged in nor likely to engage in subversive activities. Thereafter I was asked whether I would have any objection to meet any member of the State Congress. I said that at no time had I any objection to meet any member of the State Congress or any other Congress or organisation in the world. Thereupon one or two interviews took place and that is all that there is to it.

MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know whether there was any talk about constitutional reforms?

PRESIDENT: There was some proposal about constitutional reforms. But no constitutional reform was promised or can be promised until after a consultation with all the elements in the country which deserve to be consulted and not merely one group.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know whether the State Congress has consented to withdraw its agitation?

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PRESIDENT : I asked for no undertaking and no undertaking has been given by anybody. If agitation on constitutional lines is conducted, this Government will not stand in the way of political or constitutional work or agitation. But, if the limits are transgressed, Government will know what to do under the circumstances.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU : എന്തു ഉദ്ദേശത്തോടുകൂടിയാണ് അവർ ദിവാൻജിയെ സന്ദർശിച്ചത് എന്ന് പറയുവാൻ ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ ?

PRESIDENT : Human minds are difficult to appreciate so far as inner motives are concerned and it is not possible for either the President of this House or the Dewan of Travancore or even much higher individuals than that to find out what is in the minds of somebody who asked for that interview.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI (*Thovala* cum *Agastisvaram*) : May I krow whether the objection that the State Congress as such was illegal and subversive has been withdrawn ?

PRESIDENT : Some activities of the State Congress were declared to be illegal and subversive. The State Congress was not, so far as I recollect, declared illegal by any enactment or Proclamation in the State.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU : സ്റ്റേറ്റ് കാൺഗ്രസ്സ് ഇന്നു തിരുവിതാംകൂറിൽ ഉണ്ടെന്നു ഗവണ്മെൻറ് വിശ്വസിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

PRESIDENT ; They think and say so. (*Laughter*).

Appointment of the present Anchal Superintendent.

3 ***MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU** (*Changanacherry* cum *Peermade*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the date on which the present (on 8-3-1116) Anchal Superintendent was appointed to that post ?

MR. D. GAINNEOS (*Secretary to Government*) : Mr. R. Padmanabha Iyer was appointed Anchal Superintendent on 8-4-1113.

Appointment of Mr. R. Padmanabha Aiyar as Anchal Superintendent.

4. ***MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the date on which Mr. R. Padmanabha Aiyar, the present (8-3-1116) Anchal Superintendent, was appointed as Anchal Superintendent ;

(*b*) the scale of pay of the post of the Anchal Superintendent ;

(*c*) the appointment he held previous to his appointment as Anchal Superintendent ;

(*d*) the scale of pay of that post ;

(*e*) the pay he was getting while he was the Librarian of the Public Library ;

(*f*) the appointment he held on 1-5-1097 ; and

(*g*) the appointment he held on 1-1-1098 ?

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